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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephonic interview of April 26, 2011. During the interview, the rejection of independent Claims 1, 12, 23, and 34 over Maier in view of Lu et al. was discussed. The Examiner provided the following helpful summary in the Interview Summary mailed May 3, 2011:

"Applicant described the core concept of the invention as a memory card device that first connects on a bus with a default descriptor, receives information about other devices connected on a bus with the card, and re-enumerates with a second descriptor based on the information. These three specifics are not taught by Maier and Lu."

Applicant concurs with the Examiner's summary, but to clarify, a memory card device (e.g., a mass storage device) is but one exemplary smart card enumeration configuration that may be used in accordance with the claimed invention. Reference was made to enumeration as a storage device during the interview merely for clarity of explanation.

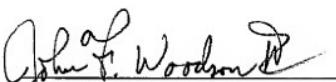
The independent claims have been amended herein to more clearly define the above-noted points of distinction over Maier and Lu, as helpfully suggested by the Examiner. Support for these amendments may be found in paragraphs 0044-0046 of the originally filed specification, for example. No new matter is being added.

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In view of the amendments, it is submitted that independent Claims 1, 12, 23, and 34 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite still further distinguishing features, are also patentable and require no further discussion herein. As such, a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities remain to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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